

561—7.5(17A,455A) Commencement of contested case—notice of hearing.

7.5(1) *Transmittal of appeal.* Except as provided in subrule 7.5(2), the department shall transmit the appeal and request for a contested case proceeding to the department of inspections and appeals, or shall otherwise transmit the appeal to the presiding officer, when it determines that the appeal was timely filed and the requester is entitled to a contested case proceeding. When the appeal is from an administrative order, the order shall be transmitted with the appeal.

7.5(2) *Petition from the department.* After the department seeks to suspend or revoke a permit or license, institute licensee disciplinary proceedings, or otherwise commence a contested case, it shall file a petition as described in subrule 7.12(1).

7.5(3) *Notice of hearing issued.* A contested case commences when a notice of hearing is delivered to a party. A notice of hearing will be prepared and issued by the presiding officer when:

- a. The department receives a notice of appeal from a person other than the department, or
- b. A petition from the department is filed, as provided in subrule 7.5(2).

7.5(4) *Delivery of notice of hearing.* Delivery of the notice of hearing may occur by personal service or publication as provided in the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure; by certified mail, return receipt requested; or as otherwise required by statute.

7.5(5) *Contents of notice of hearing.* The notice of hearing shall contain the following information:

- a. Identification of the parties, including the name, address and telephone number of the person who will act as advocate for the agency or the state and identification of all the parties' counsel where known;
- b. A statement of the time, place and nature of the hearing;
- c. A statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held;
- d. A reference to the particular section of the statutes and rules involved;
- e. A short and plain statement of the matters asserted. If the agency or other party is unable to state the matters in detail at the time the notice is served, then initial notice may be limited to a statement of the issues involved. Thereafter, upon application, a more definite and detailed statement shall be furnished;
- f. Reference to the procedural rules governing informal settlement;
- g. Identification of the presiding officer, if known, or if not known, then a description of who will serve as presiding officer (e.g., agency head, members of multimembered agency head, or administrative law judge from the department of inspections and appeals);
- h. The time within which a petition or answer must be filed; and
- i. In those cases where the department files the petition pursuant to the provisions of subrule 7.5(2), the notice shall include a copy of the petition and a statement that, in the event an answer is not timely filed in accordance with these rules, judgment may be entered for the relief requested in the petition.

7.5(6) *Time for response to notice of hearing.* A person served with a notice of hearing shall file a petition or answer as required by subrule 7.12(1) or 7.12(2) within 20 days of receipt of the notice of hearing. Failure to file shall, upon motion, result in the presiding officer's entering a default against the person failing to file.